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Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club

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OTVARC SPOTLIGHT:

- Club Meeting - November 10 - DXpedition to Costa Rica
- Election of Officers - November 11 - December 8
- Thanksgiving Dinner - November 20 - at Grand Ronde
- Board Meeting - November 17
- Holiday Party - December 8 - at Beaverton Elks' Club
- Board Meeting - December 15
- Club Meeting - January 12
- Lunch Bunch - January 22

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I hope that you got to go to Swaptoberfest at Rickreall last month. Many find it fun going to put faces with voices heard

on the radio, get reacquainted with old friends, see all the neat stuff on the tables, and go to the ARES meeting.

For me going to Swaptoberfest is all of these things but more because going to the Rickreall area always brings back a flood of memories.

Just to the north and east of

the fairgrounds but still on the same side of Rickreall Creek there was a roller skating rink that I remember being called the "Haunted Mill." As a teenager I went there a number of times with friends to spend an evening skating.

About a mile south of the fairgrounds US 99W intersects with Orrs Corner Road. It was here I got a real scare one Sunday evening many years ago. I had hitched a ride back to school in Corvallis with a friend. Near this intersection the hood on my friend's car came unlatched and flew up blocking the view of the road. It was a scary few

seconds riding blind until he got the car stopped.

Other memories are associated with a number of trips I made with coworkers to Rickreall Creek itself downstream of U.S. 99W to look at stream bank erosion and scheme out a fix.

About a mile west of US 99W on Oregon 22 is the Basket Slough National Wildlife Refuge. For a number of years the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife planted pheasants here. It was a favorite place for me
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THE PROGRAM - Wednesday, November 10th

We meet Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm, Beaverton Elks' Club, 3500 SW 104th Ave, Beaverton. Guests are always welcome at our meetings.

This month Al Rovner K7AR will relate tales of his DXpedition to

Costa Rica last year. His pictures will move you to make travel reservations.

Why not come early and enjoy dinner at the Elks' Cafeteria line? Bring a friend to the meeting.

HAMFests**13 Nov 2004****Western Washington Section**

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to go hunting with my two Springer Spaniels, Duke and Prince. For them it didn't get any better than going hunting. They would whine all the way to the hunt and if I didn't totally wear them out hunting they would whine all the way home. They've both been gone for over 10 years now but I still have many memories of hunting with them at Basket Slough. One of my favorites is the day that it dawned on Duke that he didn't know where I was. Up until this time Duke would frustrate and concern me when on occasion he would leave me and hunt by himself. It was always a big worry to me when he did this because I was not sure where his nose would lead him. He'd usually show up in an hour or so acting like we'd been separated for a few minutes. On an October day I had been hunting for an hour or so when I went through a cornfield. .

The wind was rustling the corn so loudly I could not keep track of where the dogs were. When I came out the other end of the field I discovered I only had Prince with me. As before when he did this I thought it would be easier for Duke to find me so I sat down and had a rest. After resting for awhile I decided I should go back and look for him. When I got back to the other end of the cornfield I could see him running back and forth across a grass field with his nose to the ground where we had walked earlier. The wind was in my face so initially Duke could not hear me calling for him. But when I got close enough for him to hear me he stopped, looked, and then made a beeline for me running as fast as he could. Needless to say we had a joyous reunion. That day something happened in Duke's head because after that he never let me out of his sight again when we were hunting.

**Duke**JULY 19, 1978 to-
JANUARY 19, 1988

So when I go to Rickreall it always brings back memories. And when I go there for either Swaptoberfest in October or the Ham Fair in February I add even more to the memory bank.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Don

VE Testing Services, Carl WS7L

VE testing sessions are offered in even numbered months. The final 2004 session will be held on December 4th at 1:00 pm. Regular sessions are held at Hillsboro's Ronler Acres Fire Station across from Hillsboro Stadium on Evergreen Parkway. Pre-register for the exams by contacting Carl, WS7L, at ws7l@arrl.net or by phone at 503.629.5796.

For upgrades, bring your current license (and a photo copy of it) along with two forms of identification (one government issued with a photo) and your exam fee, currently \$12.00.

The Volunteer Examiners are a service of Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club and her qualified VEs.

There are other exam opportunities in the area. Send an email for locations and times, w7otv@arrl.net.



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Turkey Dinner Buffet

December 8, 2004

6:00 PM

White Elephant Gift Exchange

To Participate -- Bring A Gift

Please bring donations for the Holiday Food Barrel

Red ticket raffle -- led by Mel Sutton

Meeting at 7:00 PM

Questions?

Call Julie KD7GQW

503.646.1546

This is the last year that Julie will coordinate our December Dinner.

Interested in taking this project on for the club?

Call Julie KD7GQW or Don KK7TN (503.649.6013)

TRAVELER'S

Its time again for our **November Pot Luck** at **Wandering Spirit RV Park** in Grand Ronde. Some of the group will arrive earlier, but our dates are November 19-21. If you plan to arrive earlier, please call Geno (503.614.0563) so he can notify the park.

We have ten spots reserved and need to know that you are coming! Call Geno (503.614.0563) to let him know your plans...and to make arrangements for the \$20.00 deposit required by the park before November 5. Advance notice allows the group to remain together in the park.

On Saturday, the annual Turkey Pot Luck Dinner will be held. The club provides the turkey, ham, and gravy.

The event is at **Wandering Spirit RV Park, 28800 Salmon River Hw (OR 18) in Grand Ronde**. Its just 1.5 miles west of the Spirit Mountain Casino. There is a free shuttle service to the Casino.

For information about The Travelers' contact Betty Mickley N7REX at 503.642.1284 or by email at n7rex@teleport.com

LUNCH BUNCH

Turkey Potluck Dinner
At Grand Ronde
Saturday, November 20th

Wandering Spirit RV Park
28800 Salmon River Hw
Grand Ronde

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Questions or comments
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Membership Renewal Cycle Opens In November

Renewal dues are \$17.00 for 2005 and \$22.00 for household membership. Full membership is open to all licensed amateur radio operators. Associate memberships are open to any person. Full membership includes all club privileges, including the rights to hold office and vote for club officers. Associate members include club privileges except the right to hold office and vote for club officers. Dues are payable in advance by January 1st. A member is delinquent if dues are not received by January 31.

New applicants for membership pay \$19.00 with their application (prorated during the year).

Members who are 70 years old or older on or before January 1 of the year for which they are paying dues and who have been members for two years are granted life membership without further dues payment.

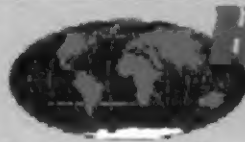
Contributions from Life members are appreciated.

Donations for the Repeater and Scholarship Funds are encouraged.

Renewal notices are furnished in November. Please update your information with us at renewal time even if dues are not payable.

You are welcome to ask the Secretary or Treasurer about the status of your membership.

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- 3 Ardyce Moore AA7SW
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- 11 Kathy Clawson KC7USE
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- 23 Naomi Ballard KD7JZW
- 26 Andy Ziemann KE7AUB
- 27 Mary Berg N7TRW

Do you know of a business that would benefit from
advertising in THE OSCILLATOR?
If so, let Maureen O'Rourke KA7LAP know.

ELECTION OF 2005 OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The Elections Committee is working to provide nominations for 2005 Officers and two Trustees. They will report at the November 10th meeting.

Nominations will be received from the floor for all four officer positions and two trustee positions. Your Elections Committee members are: Robert Crocker WN7O; John Anderson KA7BRZ; and Claire Johnson N7CM.

Trustees who's terms are open for election are: Wes Allen K7WWG and Maureen O'Rourke KA7LAP.

Wes is considering whether to run again. Maureen has declined to run for Trustee again.

Ballots will be distributed by email to those members who have a current email address on file. They will be printed, executed, and mailed to the club postal address. Other members will receive their ballot by postal mail.

Ballots are due by December 10th at 6:00 pm.

NEW ARRL BANDWIDTH PETITION

The ARRL plans to file a petition with the FCC seeking the regulation of amateur subbands by bandwidth rather than by mode of emission. The principle of the petition was adopted by the ARRL Board of Directors in 2002, "At the next practical opportunity the ARRL shall petition the FCC to revise Part 97 to regulate subbands by signal bandwidth instead of by mode." The main objective is to make appropriate provision for digital modes in the HF amateur bands, while preserving amateurs' prerogatives to use the traditional modes.

The ARRL wishes to follow this pattern:

- Double-sideband AM operation is unchanged without opening the phone bands to digital and other modes of the same bandwidth.
- RTTY and data emissions are permitted by FCC rule throughout the HF "CW subbands." It is through "gentlemen's agreements" that RTTY and data signals are not heard in the parts of the band that are generally used for CW now. The proposed rules would limit bandwidth in these "CW subbands" to 200 Hz.
- Bandwidth in the existing "RTTY/data subbands" would be limited by rule to 500 Hz or 3 kHz. In these subbands phone emissions not permitted: 3650-3725, 7100-7125, 14100-14150, and 21150-21200 kHz. This is to encourage development of high-speed data communications in by preventing them from becoming *de facto* "expanded phone bands."
- Amateurs would not be required to be able to measure the bandwidth of their signals. Measurement would arise as a potential problem for those who try to push the edge of the envelope.
- Bandwidth limits would be eliminated in the 222-225 MHz band; the only bandwidth limitation would be that the signal must be confined within the band.

Santa Claus Parade Friday, November 26th

Help Needed

Call:
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503.245.2518

Or email:
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Equipment Loan Program Field Day Czar Trailer Custodian

**The club is looking for members who are
willing to assume one of these roles.**

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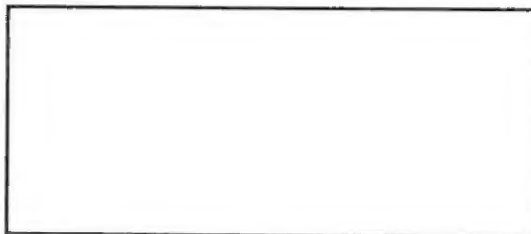
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CLUB INFORMATION

The Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club is a special service club related to ARRL: The National Association for Amateur Radio. We advance the Amateur Radio Service through:

- ⇒ Education and Training of new and licensed amateurs
- ⇒ Public Service and Emergency communication
- ⇒ Hobby nets, contests and meetings
- ⇒ Social events

Membership is available to anyone interested in amateur radio. A license is not required.

Membership dues are \$17/year; Full member and family at same address \$22/household; Full Time students and members of two years or more at age 70 or older (Life Members) are dues free. See Club Treasurer about purchase of life membership prior to age 70. If you wish to join during the year, dues are pro-rated.

Membership applications may be found on the Club Website or on request from the Treasurer.

The OSCILLATOR is published Monthly for members. The deadline for the December issue is Thursday, November 18th.

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